





# MARINE CORPS PLANNING PROCESS

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## TRANSITION



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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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**TLO: Without the aid of references, conduct a proper transition per MCWP 5-1.**

**ELOs: Without the aid of references:**

- 1. State the importance of transitioning a plan.**
- 2. Explain how transition occurs within a unit.**
- 3. Identify the various forms a transition can take based on time available.**





# PURPOSE OF TRANSITION

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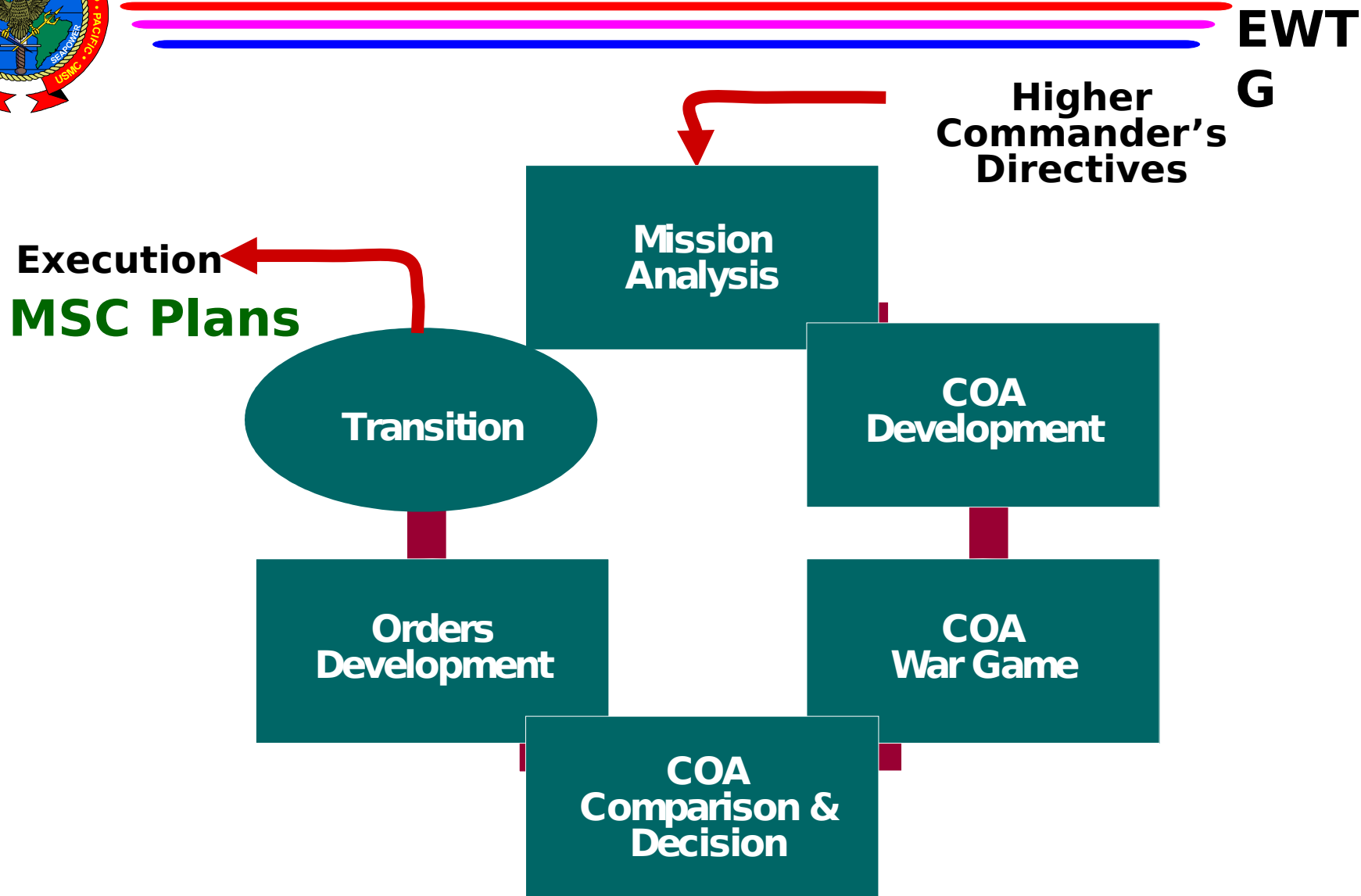
- To provide a **successful shift from planning to execution.**

MCWP 5-1

- It enhances the **situational awareness** of those who will execute the order, maintains the **intent of the concept of operations** promotes **unity of**



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# TRANSITION PROCESS

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**Commander**

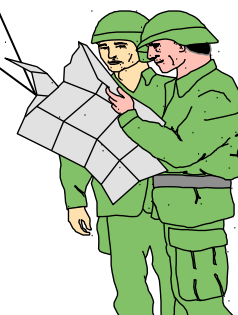


**My intent is...**  
• **Concept of Ops**

**We understand...**

- **Your intent**
- **Your Concept of Ops**
- **Our missions**

**MSCs**



**Transition is Continuous**



# RESPONSIBILITIES

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**COS/XO**



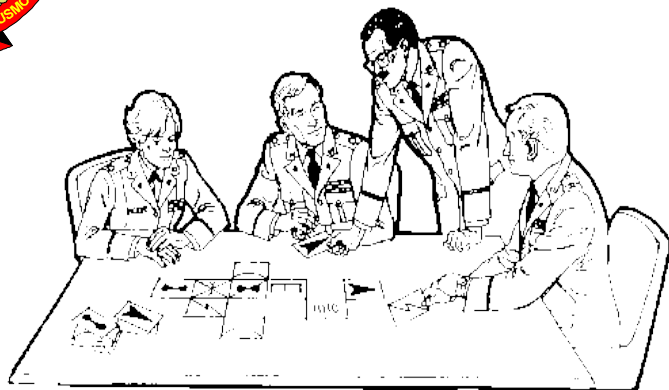
- **Orders Development**
- **Transition Guidance**
  - **Who should be there.**
  - **What should be briefed.**
  - **The sequence of the brief.**
  - **The format of the brief.**
  - **Time available.**





# RESPONSIBILITIES

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## Planners

- **Maintain records**
- **Prepare/conduct briefs and drills**
- **Designate a proponent**



## Executors

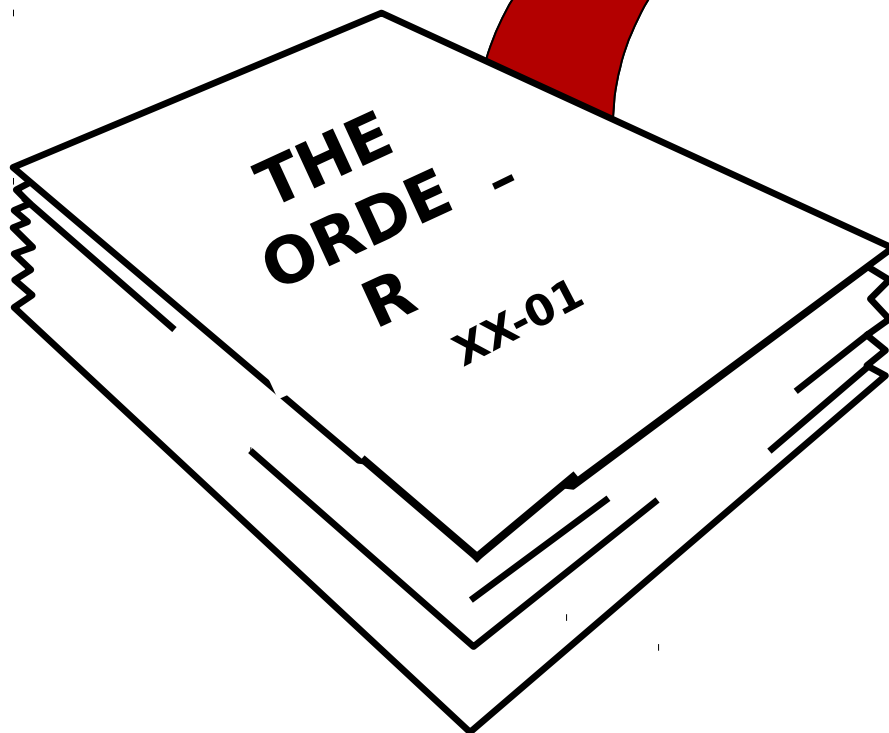
- **Appoint representative to OPT**
- **Receive transition brief**
- **Participate in the internal drills**
- **Conduct external brief and drills**





# THE ORDER

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- **Mission / Intent**
- **Concept of Ops**
- **Supporting Concepts**
- **Matrices such as:**
  - **Attack Guidance Mat**
  - **Barrier Plan**
  - **Execution Checklist**
- **Decision Support Temp**
- **Decision Support Matri**
- **Synchronization Matrix**



# BRIEFS

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**Planners**

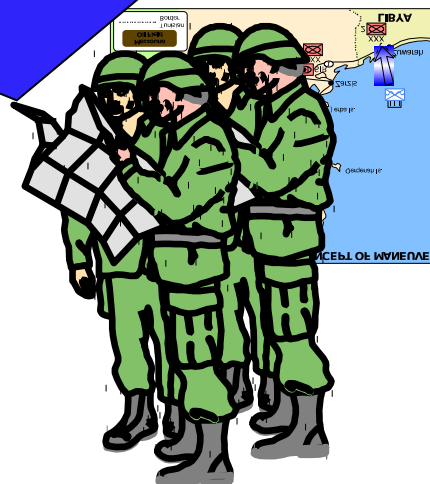


**TIME=DETAIL**

**TRANSITION GUIDANCE**

**BRIEF CONTENT**

**Executors**



- HHQ Mission (tasks and intent)
- Mission
- Commander's Intent
- CCIRs
- Task Organization
- Situation (friendly and enemy)
- Concept of Ops and Supporting Concepts
- Execution (including branches/sequels)
- Coordinating Instructions
- Decision Points
- Decision Support Template/Matrix



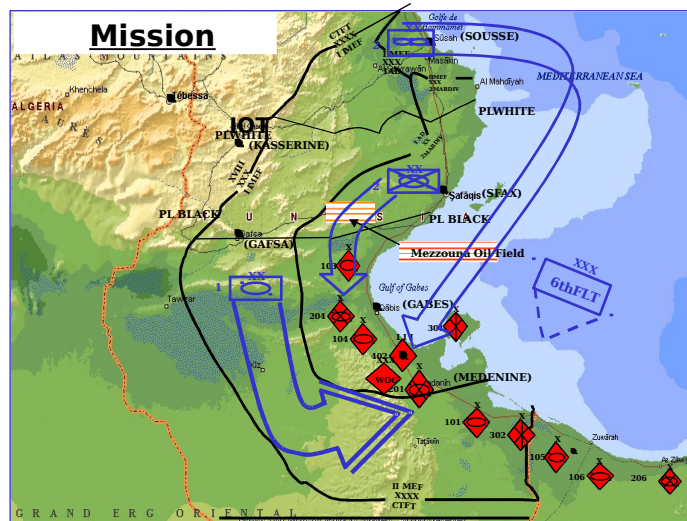
# DRILLS

STAFF

EXTERNAL

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MSCs/STAFFS



Discuss: “HOWs” and “WHAT IFs”

## REHEARSALS

- Sand Tables
- MAPEX
- ROC Drills
- COMMEX

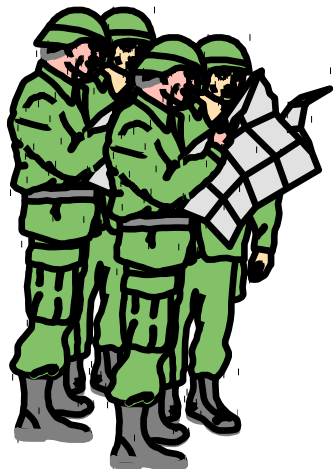


# CONFIRMATION BRIEF

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MSCs SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF:



- Commander's Intent
- Their Tasks and Purpose
- How they fit into overall Plan

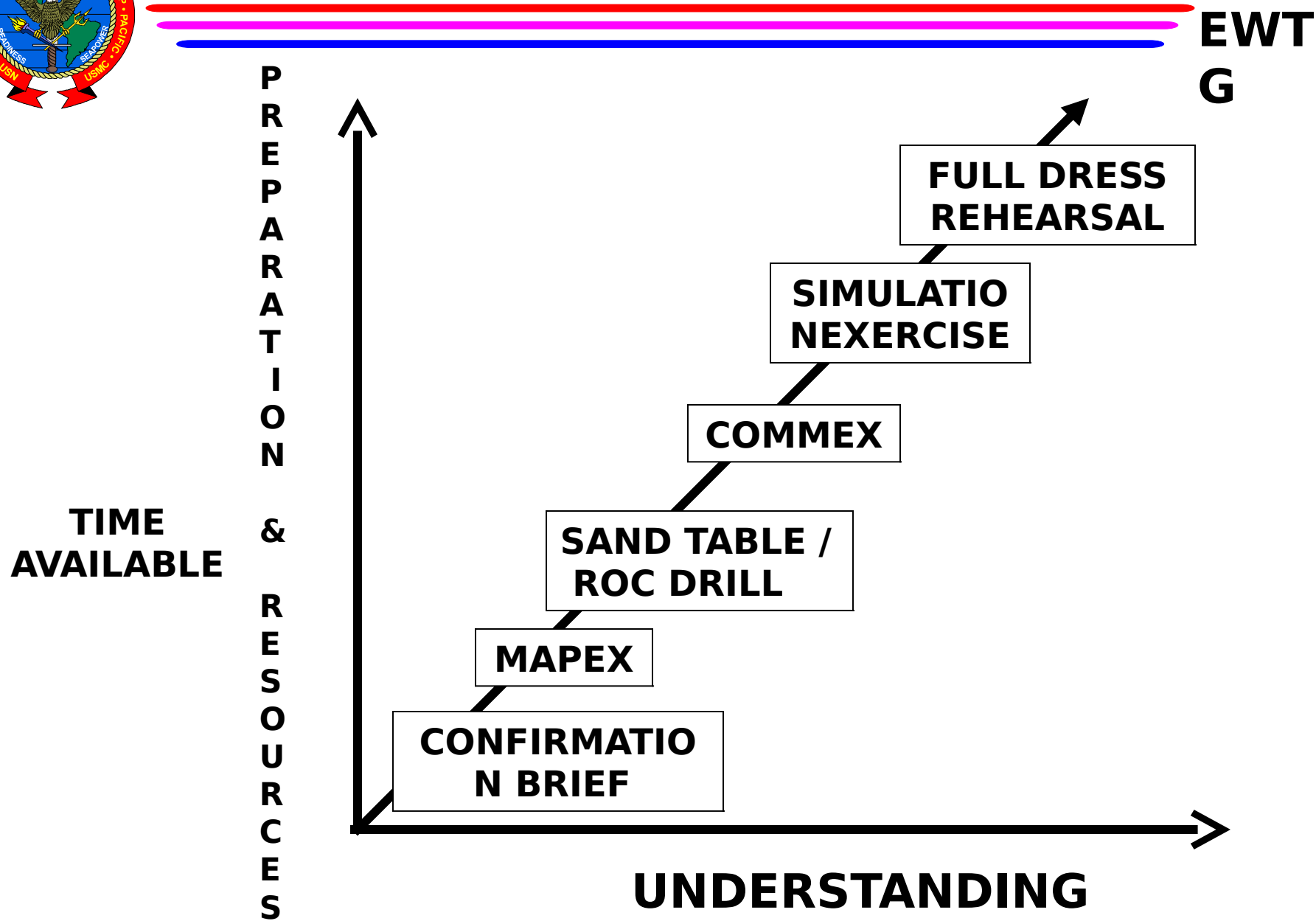
ALLOWS COMMANDER TO:

- Learn how MSCs plan to accomplish their assigned missions
- Identify gaps in plan
- Identify discrepancies between plans





# TRANSITION vs. TIME





# The Order -- Take #1

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GLAD THAT  
STINKER'S  
DOWNRANGE

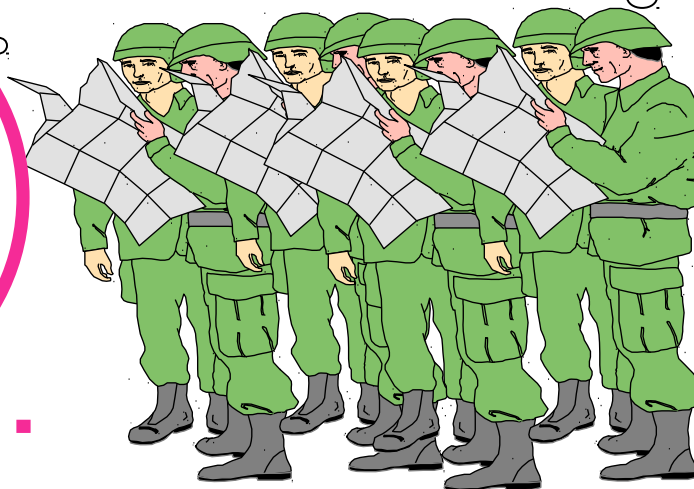


THIS IS STUPID!  
WHO THOUGHT OF  
THIS?

SOMEBODY WAKE  
THE BOSS UP!!

HOLY  
SH\_!!

WE'RE ALL  
GONNA DIE !!







# The Order -- Take #2

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**WE'RE GONNA  
KICK SOME  
SERIOUS  
BUTT !!**



**Transition**

**Feedback to  
HHQ = 2-Way  
Info Flow**

**THIS CONFIRMS THE  
WARM START INFO  
WE'VE BEEN  
GETTING.**

**YEAH -- EASY!  
EXACTLY WHAT  
WE THOUGHT.**

